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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

32 February 1, 2011

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT AND ADVERTISE
COLORADO BOULEVARD STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF EAST PASADENA
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to approve a project to construct streetscape improvements on Colorado Boulevard in the unincorporated community of East Pasadena, find the project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environment Quality Act, adopt the plans and specifications, and call for bids.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that this project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications for Colorado Boulevard Streetscape Improvements, median landscape improvements, in the unincorporated community of East Pasadena, at an estimated cost between \$450,000 and \$520,000.
3. Call for bids to be received on March 1, 2011.
4. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise the project and seal and return the plans and specifications to the Department of Public Works for filing.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain approval of the project from your Board, to adopt the plans and specifications, and to advertise the project for bids. The Colorado Boulevard Streetscape project includes the landscaping of medians and the performance of other appurtenant work.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). The recommended actions will help achieve these goals by enhancing the aesthetics of Colorado Boulevard thereby improving the quality of life for community residents.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

Financing for this project is included in the Fifth Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Road Fund Budget. The Road Fund will be reimbursed with Fifth Supervisorial District funds in the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Public Works General Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This project, to contract for the construction of streetscape improvements, is part of the Department of Public Works (Public Works) program for the improvement of roadway aesthetics. It will be advertised in accordance with Section 20392 of the State Public Contract Code.

This project is to be completed in 40 working days. It is estimated the work will start in August 2011 and be completed in October 2011.

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

The award of the contract will not result in unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to comply with terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County of Los Angeles' (County) Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to a responsible

contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by the contractor will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Sections 15301(c) and (h) and 15304(b) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Class 1, subsections (j), (x)(9), (x)(10), (x)(13), (x)(14), (x)(21), (x)(22), and Class 4(c) of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987. These exemptions provide for maintenance and minor alterations to existing landscaping; parkway tree planting; median beautification; installation of sprinkler systems; reconstruction of existing roadway curb at the median; undergrounding of existing aboveground utility facilities; maintenance of existing roadway facilities; and new landscaping.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This project will be contracted on an open-competitive bid basis. A recommendation for award by your Board will be made after review of the bids and determination of the lowest responsive bid and responsible contractor meeting the criteria established by your Board and the State Public Contract Code.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by improving the quality of life for the community residents by enhancing the aesthetics of Colorado Boulevard from Rosemead Boulevard to Michillinda Avenue.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction

Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER
Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance